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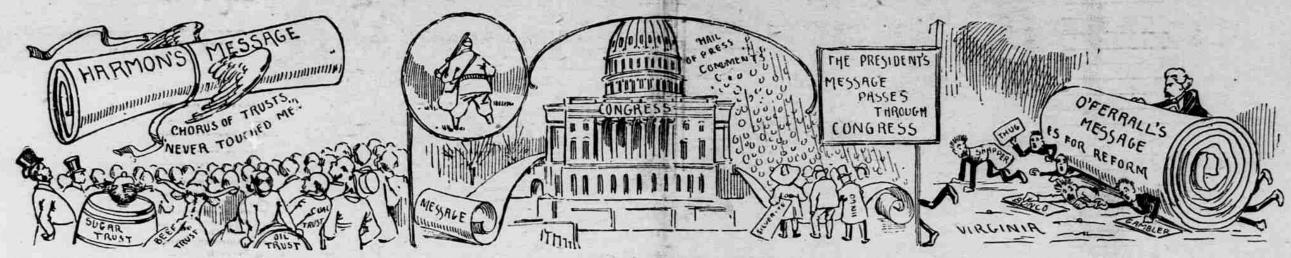
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THE PAST WEEK WAS ONE OF MANY MESSAGES.



MRS. DIMMICK DENIES IT.

Says She Will Not Marry Her Uncle Benj. Harrison.

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Washington was published here this morning stating that Mrs. Dimmick, a nicce of the late Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, would shortly marry the ex-President. Regarding the report the Tribune will tomorrow

ing the report the Tribune will tomorrow say;

"Mrs. Dimmick lives at No. 40 West Thirty-eighth street, in this city. When a Tribune reporter called to see her yesterday she courteously begged to be excused, and, in reply to a query as to the truth of the report, sent back word that she was much distressed to think that such a report had been circulated and that she must-be excused from saying anything.

"A member of the family supplemented Mrs. Dimmick's reply by saying that General Harrison was the proper person to be seen upon this matter."

Suicide of a Policeman Pittsburg, Dec. 8.—Edward Milligan, an Allegheny policeman, committed suicide this morning in that city by shooting himself. Milligan was forty years of age and single. He had been on the police force for twelve years. Four years ago he was overcome by beat, and at the time he committed the act was sufering from nervous prostration. Columbia Carnival tonight, 1732 G st.

BIG CHICAGO BLAZE.

Firemen Fight for Four Hours Keep It From Spreading. Chicago, Dec. 8.-Fire in the notion house of H. Wolf & Company, at 7 o'clock this morning, caused a loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 on the stock and about \$80,000 on the building, which was owned by the Courad Seipp estate. Stock and building were fully insured. The house of Wolf & Company is at the corner of Market and Madison streets, in the very heart of the wholesale district, and for

heart of the wholesale district, and for four hours the firemen fought the fire to keep it from spreading.

The fire started on the fourth floor of the building, and was caused by the burning of an overcharged electric wire. John Dore, of a hook and ladder conpany, was in the building when a burn-ing ceiling fell. He was seriously injured.

Ill-Health Drove Him to Suicide. Golden, Mo., Dec. 8 .- Hiram Hillard, Baptist preacher, 82 years of age, cut his throat and then jumped over a high bluff yesterday. Poor health was the cause.

Lives Lost in Italian Storms. Rome, Dec. 8.-Violent storms are prevailing in Tuscany, Calabria and Sicily. Several wreczs have been reported, and it is feared that a number of lives have been

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Inch Napples-Colored Rose Bowis-10-Inch Platters-But-

ter Jars - Molasses Cans - 3-quart Coffee Bollers - Lamps - 10-peg Hall Racks - Whisk Broom Holders - Decorated Plate,

Cup and Saucer-Decorated Cuspidors-Jap nese Screen

Fans-Charm Comportiers-3-pint Jugs-Fancy ChinaCake

Plates-Glass Butter Dishes-Class Sugar Bowls-Melrose

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Platt, Quay, Clarkson, Manley and Elkins Talked It Over.

IN SESSION THREE HOURS

They Met by Appointment at the Residence of Senator Elkins and Discussed the Party's Future. Gathering That Could Name the Standard Bearer of 1896.

Probably the most important meeting of recognized Republican leaders since the stormy days preceding the national cam-

The gathering was exclusive to the utmost limit of discrimination. present would not constitute what is popularly supposed to represent a corporal's guard, but the far-reaching scope of their influence is not determinative by axiom or

There were just five composing the par-ticipants in a conference that may mean the making of Presidents or the outmean the making of Presidents or the out-lining of party policies. The needing was held at the residence of Senator Elkins, 1437 Rhode Island avenue, and those present were: Senators Elkins and Quay, Gen. Clarkson, ex-Senator Platt, of New York, and Joseph H. Maoley, of Maine, chairman of the Republican executive com-mittee.

Mr. Platt was the last arrival, reaching the city on a late train from New York. But the discussion of topics political continued unto monaght. The fate of empires and the destiny of republics has been determined in less time than three hours.

MANLEY WAS RETICENT. MANLEY WAS RETICENT.

After the meeting Mr. Manley stated that the executive committee would meet this afternoon in the banquet hall of the Arlington Hotel, but beyond this fact there was no ante-assembling news to be given out.

The gathering at Semator Fikins' did not equal the dignity and formulity of a banquet, but might best be designated as a luminoon.

Refreshments were served and over the ma-logany table these five gentlemen of ma-tional reputation discussed the future of the Republican party.

The personnel was unique from the fact that all those present except Senator Elkins are unalterably opposed to the reliabiliare unalterably opposed to the reliabilitation of Benjamin Harrison, as a Presidential candidate. Mr. Manley is openly committed to the fortunes of Thomas R. Reed, General Clarkson favors Senator Allison first, but anybody to beat Harrison afterward, while Senator Quay is accused of growing aspirations, but pending their justification is understood to be vibrating with Senator Platt, between Governor McKinley and Mr. Reed.

The possibilities of such a conference as this can neither be computed nor estimated. The withdrawal of Senator Elkins from the

The withdrawal of Senator Elkins from the support of ex-President Harrison would in-dicate a serious, if not fatal, defection. The abandonment of Senator Alison by General Clarkson can only be contemplated

COULD NAME THE MAN. The combined support of these five gentle-men would constitute the practical assurance of a nomination.

The lateness of the hour and the well-

The lateness of the nour and the ver-known diplomacy of those present prevent the publication of a detailed account of their conversation and conclusions. But it is safe to say that no basic cal-culations can exaggerate the importance of this meeting and its ever, all effect upon the selection of a Republican Presiden-

Above all things the conference of these leaders presages the fact that they will be united when the time comes for final

There will be no sentiment or controversy, but these Republican chieftains will forego their personal preferences and determine to support as a unit some definite choice for the Presidency. The question now is, upon what favorite son will they agree?

ENVELOPED BY FLAMES.

Ridgefield, Conn., Threatened With Destruction-Aid Sent to It. Ridgefield, Coun., Dec. 8.—A fire which broke out at 9:30 tonight threatens to de-stroy the entire center of the town. The fire originated in the big wooden block owned by G. B. Gage, located on Main

The fire originated in the place of business of Bediend & Mead and they were soon burned out and the Western Union office also ruined.

By 11 o'clock the flames had consumed the Gage block and fifteen minutes fater the fire had attacked the town hall on the opposite side of Belley avenue.

posite side of Balley avenue.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 9.—After midnight the Southern New England Telephone Company's manager in Ridgefield, owing to the fire, became untenable and he was obliged to abandon the office. It is therefore surveyed that the Bulgefield Press. fore supposed that the Ridgefield Press building and other buildings referred to in the Ridgefield dispatch have been de-

itroyed.

At 11:45 last night a special train left
Danbury carrying a corps of firemen and
fire apparatus under Chief Lounsbury.

Crazed by His Mother's Death. Pittsburg, Dec. 8.—Emil Abrams, aged thirty years, attempted to kill himself in Allegheny last night by firing a bullet into his body. Two weeks ago his mother died, and he has been drinking since that time. The doctors think he will fecover.

Senator Palmer's Brother Dead. Pueblo, Col., Dec. 8.—H. K. Palmer, brother of Senator Palmer of Illinois, dropped dead in the street here yesterday. He served with distinction during the war and was 65 years old.

Chew Mint Julep Gum.

Cashier Lane Negotiated Drafts That Were No Good.

His Deficiency of \$44,000 Made Up by Moore's Queer Transaction.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 8.—Another sensation remains to be added to those connected with the career of Dr. J. C. Moore, of Manchester. After lying quiet for a month the secret has leaked out mat D. Warren Lane, cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, of Manchester, has been found to have a shortage of \$44,000 in his accounts.

Hehns resigned and turned all his property over to the bank, being left penniless.

Cashier Lane's shortage was incurred by holding and carrying drafts of Moore, linknown to the officials of the bank. These drafts were drawn on the bank's Boston

drafts were drawn on the bank. These drafts were drawn on the bank's Boston correspondent, the National Bank of Redemption, and were honored when presented to Cashier Laue. At the time of the semi-annual examination of the bank, November 5, of the present year, there was supposed to be a balance of \$50,000 in the hands of the Boston correspondent. The examination, however, showed only \$6,000.

Lane concessed to the shortage and produced the drafts of Mr. Moore. He turned over to the bank all his personal property. This covered the shortage, with the exception of \$1,500, which was made good by Mr. Lane's bondsmen.

Mr. Lane is sixty-seven years old and is one of the most respected citizens of Manone of the most respected citizens of Man-chester. The sympathy of the whole city is extended to him in his misfortune. He has not been a gainer by one cent.

Dr. Moore was also treasurer of the Union Publishing Company, publishers of the Daily Union. It is reported that the company is involved from \$20,000 to \$60,000 by his financiering. The Manchester National Bank holds overdrated of the publishing company to the extens of \$20,000.

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CONFERENCE OF LEADERS HIS ACCOUNTS WERE SHORT PULLED WIRES ALL DAY JOURNALIST SALA IS DEAD AGAINST THE RING

Convention City Lobbies Warming Up to Their Work.

NO SIGN IS YET GIVEN

Members of the National Republican Committee Are Arriving and a Full Vote Will Be Polled-Many Ballots Will Be Cast Before the Choice Is Made.

The rotunda of the Arlington Hotel prented an animated scene last night. Everywhere Republican politicians of national

repute were to be found.
"Joe" Manley of Maine, Chauncey I. Filley of Missouri, Fessenden of Connecticut, Payne of Wisconsin, and Clarkson of Iswa. were conspicuous among the throng. Sena-tor Aldrich of Rhode Island, looked in for a short time to renew his acquaintance with some of his New England friends. Senator Sherman of Obio, fresh from a long conference in the upper rooms of the hotel, with Mark Hanna of Cleveland, and hotel, with Mark Hanna of Cleveland, and others of the Ohio friends of Governor Mc-Kinley, shook hands with Senator "Tom" Carter of Montana, the chairman of the mational Republican executive committee. Senators Platt and Hawley of Connecticut were in a group with De Young of California, the journalistic-politician of the Pacific slope, while Senators White and Perkins of the same State, obliterating for the moment the politicial lines that divide them in the Senate, were using their united efforts to secure the Republican convention for San Francisco.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Today the eleven members of the execu ve committee will meet at the Arlington to dispose of certain unfinished bus

remaining over since the last campaign.

The first meeting of the full committee will be held at 2 o'chek on Tuesday. will be held at 2 o'check on Tuesday.

Every member is already in the city or is represented by proxy. The proposition to change the basis of representation from the Southern States, which provoked a storm of opposition at the last meeting of the committee, will be only incidentally considered, and its final settlement will be referred to the national convention, as already foreshadowed in these columns.

It is not unlikely that Tuesday will be already foreshadowed in these columns.

It is not unlikely that Tuesday will be story, entitled, "Quite Alone," for All the Year Around, which appeared in a separate form in November, 1564. the committee's work, and that the placing in nomination of the cities which are seeking the bonor of entertaining the convention will be postponed until Wednesday. The committee will thus be two days in session.

RACE NOT YET WON. It does not appear that any of the con-testing cities has, at this time any especial advantage in the race. Editor H. Z. Osborne, of Los Angeles, speaking for

the California delegation, expresses himself as very hopeful of success.

Mr. Osborne says that San Francisco will statrt with nine votes from the Rocky Mountain country, which will not desert San Francisco under any circumstances. He claims two votes in New England and a number of others in the middle West and number of others in the middle West and the trans-Mississippi country. He pre-dicts that San Francisco will show a greater strength on the first ballot than any of its

strength on the first came than any of its competitors.

The committee from St. Louis, headed by Mayor Walbridge, and consisting of S. M. Kennard, F. B. Brownell, N. Frank, William Warner, C. C. Rainwater, W. H. William Warner, C. C. Rainwater, W. H. Thompson, C. H. Sampson, W. G. Boyd, F. Gainnil, H. C. Townsend, J. M. Hayes, Thomas Booth, C. H. Hack, and S. A. Thompson, arrived yesterday afternoon at the Arlington and at once opened their headquarters. They were preceded several days ago by Mr. Chauncey I. Filley, the ex-postmaster, and veteran Republican politician of that city.

Mr. R. C. Kerens, speaking with a Times reporter, expressed the belief that while St. Louis' claim will be vigorously opposed by the friends of other cities, victory will at last perch upon their banners.

ST. LOUIS IS SANGUINE.

ST. LOUIS IS SANGUINE. Missouri, he says, is now a Republican State, a majority of her delegation being Republicans, and the locating of the con-

Republicans, and the locating of the con-vention within her borders would be a matter of great gratification to the rank and file of the party.

He added, in conclusion, that he had received encouragement from unlooked-for quarters, and that he was certain St. Louis would develop a strength which would ultimately result in giving her a majority of the votes.

majority of the votes.

It may be said in this connection that the number of votes cast in the committee will be fifty-three. This will be one each from the forty-four States and seven Territories, including Alaska, the Indian Territory, and the District of Columbia, and those of Senator Carter of Maryland, the chairman, and Mr. Briss of New York, the treasurer of the committee. It will thus be seen that twenty-seven votes are necessary to a choice.

A careful inquiry among committeemen

A careful inquiry among committeemen and others reveals the fact that no one city will secure a majority of votes on the first ballot. To an unprejudiced observer it is evident that San Francisco. Chicago. St. Louis, and Pittsburg will be well represented at the start. New be well represented at the start. New York, which is also a claimant, is not re-garded seriously. The Western men regard New York as

too far East to justify sending the con-vention there, and it is also thought that the enormous population surrounding the

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Special Sale.

English cordurory vests, all colors, single and double breasted; sold everywhere at \$4 and \$5. While they last, at \$3, DYRENFORTH'S, 621 Pennsylvania avenue north rest.

Come and fish in Carnival pool-

Famous English Writer Passes Away at Brighton.

As a Correspondent He Covered Nearly the Entire World for the London Daily Telegram.

London, Dec. 8.-George Augustus Sala the well-known journalist and author died this morning at Brighton, where he had been ill for a long time. His death was caused by a complication of diseases. George Augustus Henry Sala was the sor

of an Italian gentleman, who married a favorite English singer of West Indian ex traction. He was born in London in 1828 was brought up with a view to following art as a profession, but quitted it for liter-ature and became a constant contributor to Household Words.

He was an extensive and regular con-tributor to the Welcome Guest, the founder and first editor of the Temple Bar magazine for which he wrote the stories of "The Seven Sons of Mammon" and "Captain



arate form in November, 1564.

He went as special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph to the United States in 1863, and on his return, at the close of 1864, published the result of his observations under the title of "America in the Midst of War." He wrote, in 1864, a series of graphic letters for the Daily Telegraph from Algeria, and revisited Algeria and Morocco in 1875. In 1870 Mr. Sala was at Metrand in Eastern France as war correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. After winessing the fall of the empire in Paris, on September 4, he went to Rome to record the entry of the Italian army into the eternal city.

In January, 1875, he visited Spain

In January, 1875, he visited Spain on the occasion of the entry of Alfonso XII. On his return in April he was dispatched to Venice to describe the fetes consequent on the interview of the Emperor Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanuel Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanuel and he afterwards published his Impres-sions under the title of "Two Kings and a Kalser."

Kalser."

In December, 1876, he visited Russia as special correspondent for the Daily Telegraph; and traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow, proceeded thence to Warsaw, and subsequently traversed the length of the empire to observe the mobilization then in progress of the Russian army, ultimately reaching Odessa and Constantinople by the Black Sea in time for the opening of the conference on the Eastern question. question.

Killed by a Gas Explosion. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. S.—Escaping gas and a lighted lamp in the meter room of the Citizens' Gas Company caused a terrific explosion this morning. Two men, Dennis Hutch, a foreman in the works, and William Manning, a laborer, were fatally burned. The fire was extinguished before it had a chance to spread.

Ratirond Man Cleared. Kalispell, Mont., Dec. 8.—Roy Goodwin, one of the directors of the American Railway Union, who ordered the Great Northern strike. November 4, and was tried in the district court on a charge of destroying railroad property, was last night de-clared not guilty, after the jury had been out eighteen hours.

Ashantee Expedition Arrives. London, Dec. 8.—A dispatch received here announces the arrival at Cape Coast Castle of the steamer Angola, from Liver-pool, which is conveying the first de-tachment of troops for the Ashantee ex-

THE INCOME TAX.

An Amendment to the Constitution Offered to Support It.

Representative U. S. Hall, Missouri, who was one of the most active advocates of the income tax feature of the Wilson tariff bill, is determined not to abandon the fight for an income tax law until one is on the statute books that will not fall before a decision of the Supreme Coart. But whether an income tax ever becomes a But whether an income tax ever becomes a But whether an income tax ever becomes a law or not, at present the Misfit Clothing Parlors, 407 Seventh street, are selling \$20 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$15 520 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$12; \$35 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$12; \$35 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$15; \$40 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$15; \$40 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$18; pants made to order for \$4 and \$5 at \$2.50.

Elks tonight at Columbia Carnival. Chew Mint Julep Gum.

Bond Bill Schemers Lose by a Large Majority.

RESULT OF TIMES' BALLOT

Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninty-eight Opinions.

CONGRESS WILL LEARN OF IT

The Times Will Send a Personal Note to Each Member of the House and of the Vote and What It Means. Large Proportion of the Voting Strength of District Represented.

The first message of the people of Washington to Congress was made possible through The Times, and its title is, that the real estate ring has been downed by a majority of flearly four thousand.

The people have spoken; and now comes another important question: What is Congress going to do about it?"

That message is based on the result of the vote at The Times' ballot boxes or the question of the bond bill, and will, in

due time, be presented to Congress.

It is gratifying to preface the result with this general statement that the popular opinion, as expressed in the indisputable form of the ballot, has been adverse to the schemes of men, cliques, or interests, which sought to influence Congress without consuitation with the people who were to be taxed to carry out their schemes.

people into its confidence with the hope that the vote would coincide with the high ground it assumed on issues of so great and vital importance to citizens within and without the city limits. This was the impression held by its enemies that the expressions of opinions by The Times were actuated by any other motive than a desire to arrive at the definite and general conviction of those congerned on these issues.

TWENTY THOUSAND OPINIONS. Nearly twenty thousand opinions resulted from the opportunity offered by The Times to vote on the bond bill. In plain language the real issue was whether the real estate ring (few in number but powerful in influence), had the people with it or not. The Times and its ballot were simply the arbiters of the issue. The vote cast under the fairest auspices,

In places convenient to the voters and under to places convenient to the voters and under conditions that make the vote bona fide, prove conclusively that the anti-ring voters had a majority of nearly four thousand votes, and considering the gravity of the issue to the ringsters it is an easy inference issue to the runseers it is an easy interested that they polled their full strength.

It with be of interest to review the situation. Within the past few years it necame measury for purchasers of real estate beyond the city limits, between the present

populous suburbs and the District line, to give a fictitious value to lands which were brought with no possible view other than one of whit-at speculation. The inaces-atbility of these lands and the further fact that the trend of settlement for the past ten years has been towards lands near or within the city, made it apparent to the speculators that their desperate discuse re-quired a heroic remedy; which remedy was the Congress of the United States. SOME OF THE BENEFICIARIES.

In the early stage of this effort to get remedial legislation it is known that several members of the United States Senate beki the title to several tracts of lands which would be immeasurably benefited by any action of Congress on the lines to be sug-gested. Since that time the names of the Senators have disappeared from the books of record, but it is bleieved that they are members in some form or other of various gignatic land schemes which are now wait-ing for Congress to act.

Ing for Congress to act.

Congress was attacked with consemmate shrewdoess. There was an attempt first made to impress that body that the city of Washington proper needed a new system of sewerage, a proposition which it was known would admit of very little dispute. It was estimated that about \$3,500,000 would be ample for this purpose.

The cloven foot of the ring, however, appeared in legislation, which it was proposed to tack, and which was tacked on, posed to tack, and which was tacked on, to the sewer and improvement scheme. This was nothing less than the rider which provided for the extension of all the numerical streets up to the District line. The cost of this, it was estimated, would be about \$4,000,000, and so the bill eventually became one for the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$7,500,000. It was the idea to blind the people to

(Continued on Second Page.) Crocker's

Great reduction sale of surplus shoe stock commences today, 939 Pennsylvania avenue.

Chew Mint Julep Gum.

Living pictures at Carnival tenight